REMARKS

This is submitted as a full and complete response to the outstanding Official Letter. The Examiner has required restriction grouping the claims as Group I, claims 3, 4, 8, 9, 15-19 and 21-27 drawn to a programmable controller including means of access, etc. and Group II, claims 10-14 drawn to a programmable controller including means to support failure detection. The applicant herewith elects to continue prosecution on the claims of Group I, namely claims 3, 4, 8, 9, 15-19 and 21-27. This election is made without traverse.

Early and favorable action on the merits of the elected claims is courteously awaited.

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